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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. H. Foster, labor on highway,	\$12 60
Ed. W. Sanderson, " " "	1 50
J. L. McIntire, " " "	2 05
Isaac A. Hodgman, " " "	4 87
Geo. E. Spalding, " " "	16 06
David Barnes, " " "	4 50
Newton McClure " " "	8 25
H. W. Wilson, " " "	15 00
Richard Henson, " " "	6 11
Orison Sanderson, " " "	7 50
Eugene Hartshorn " " "	9 00
Wm. T. Parker, " " "	16 80
James Hale, " " "	9 00
James Longa, " " "	12 81
Geo. W. Campbell, " " "	6 00
John Shattuck, " " "	6 00
E. & E. D. Franklin " " "	7 45
Wm. H. Kennedy, " " "	9 60
Charles Dutton, " " "	3 00

Paid Jos. Blanchard, labor on highway,	\$4 72
Rodney Hodgman " " "	1 50
Horace S. Gould, " " "	3 50
Anson S. Longa, " " "	11 07
Chas.G. Lawrence, " " "	9 70
Isaac C. Shedd, " " "	1 80
Sam'l W. Wright, " " "	14 62
Herman S. Fields, " " "	12 00
Thomas J. Foster, " " "	10 10
Reuben Barnes, " " "	4 95
George B. Estey, " " "	3 00
George W. West, " " "	1 00
I. A. Hodgman, " " "	4 74
J. L. McIntire, " " "	3 87
Jos. Kittredge,	5 00
Henry F. Herrick, highway dis.	
No. 4,	18 50
Jos. Cross, highway dis. No. 12,	5 25
Jos. Cross, highway dis. No. 4,	5 42
George Watkins, highways and	
breaking roads,	35 40
Hugh McKean, poles and post for	
highway,	7 90
Joseph Cross, breaking roads,	13 82
Hermon S. Fields, " "	11 30
Anson S. Longa, " "	21 43
Thomas J. Foster, " "	9 48
J. A. Hodgman, " "	5 86
Horace S. Gould, " "	16 50
Josiah Seaverns, snowing bridge,	
1879, 1880,	2 19
J. L. McIntire, breaking roads,	9 00
Joseph Kittredge, " "	20 00
Benjamin T. Hartshorn, " "	12 42

BRIDGES.

Paid F. D. Cook & Co., shingles for Severens bridge,	\$85 50	
H. F. Herrick, drawing shingles and nails,	13 55	
Tyler T. Lougee, shingling Severens bridge,	25 00	
F. D. Cook & Co.,	104 44	
Andrew Savage, stone for Willow bridge,	10 00	
D. A. Parker & Son, plank for Willow bridge,	37 57	
Jos. Cross, labor on Willow bridge,	7 50	
J. W. Longa, " " "	6 60	
H. F. Herrick, " " "	15 00	
S. C. Anderson, spikes,	1 12	
W. J. Rockwood, stone for Ferry bridge,	4 00	
Orison Sanderson, labor on Willow bridge,	7 50	
		\$317 78

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid George A. Drew, damage to horse and sleigh,	\$30 00
M. V. B. Greene, town reports,	32 67
C. J. Hayward, pipe and zinc for town hall,	9 47
G. P. Butterfield, services as supervisor,	12 00
Warren W. Pillsbury, births and deaths,	6 25

Paid William T. Parker, services on	
Wheeler's legacy,	\$10 00
M. V. B. Greene, invoice books,	23 00
Anson S. Longa, mowing brush	
in old grave-yard,	3 00
J. E. Mullen, painting and var-	
nishing hearse,	23 00
M. V. B. Greene, stationery,	5 10
John L. Spalding, for water, 1879,	3 00
Daniel O. Danforth, att. at court.	2 50
Rodney Hodgman, " " "	2 50
John L. Spalding, " " "	3 70
William T. Parker, attendance at	
court and consultation with	
Mr. Stevens,	5 20
Ira G. Wilkins, att. at court,	3 50
H. W. Wilson, " " "	4 35
William T. Parker, services as	
supervisor, in 1880, 1881,	24 50
Elanor Merrill, watering trough,	3 00
A. F. Stevens, town counsel,	15 00
Joseph Cross, hawks,	6 40
W. W. Pillsbury, extra expense	
in collecting school report,	2 00
Henry A. Lawrence, 2 hawks,	40
Horace S. Gould,	2 00
F. F. Walker,	2 00
Heirs of Robert McGaw, abate-	
ment,	2 05
Henry A. Lawrence, abatement	
dog,	1 00
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	\$237 59

COUNTY POOR.

Paid Warren W. Pillsbury, medical attendance on Hildreth family	\$15 00	
Warren W. Pillsbury, medical attendance on J. B. Fields' family,	4 00	
S. C. Anderson, goods for James B. Fields,	27 89	
Horace S. Gould, board and care of B. Gould,	32 00	
S. C. Anderson, goods for James B. Pierce,	3 00	
Chas. A. Peterson, assistance for Thomas Swallow,	2 75	
John Harrison, board and care of John Shay,	15 00	
Warren W. Pillsbury, medical attendance on John Shay,	20 00	
S. C. Anderson, goods for J. B. Fields,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$125 64

TOWN POOR.

Paid H. J. Truel, board and clothes at county farm,	\$130 00	
Lucinda Smith, board and care,	120 00	
M. Davis, coffin for Mrs. Smith,	10 00	
W. W. Pillsbury, school books furnished,	2 28	
F. P. Jones, for services, with hearse, for Mrs. Smith,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$265 78

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Harrison E. Herrick, Collector for 1879,	\$60 00	
Matthew P. Nichols, Town Treas.,	40 00	
Benjamin Ela, Town Clerk,	34 50	
Warren W. Pillsbury, Superin- tending School Committee,	60 00	
Horace W. Wilson, Selectman and use of horse,	100 00	
Joseph Cross, Selectman and use of horse,	92 50	
Henry F. Herrick, Selectman and use of horse,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$462 00

Most respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. WILSON,
JOSEPH CROSS,
HENRY F. HERRICK,
SELECTMEN OF MERRIMACK.

MERRIMACK, March 1, 1881.

We have examined the above accounts, and find them
correctly cast and properly vouched.

HORACE S. GOULD,
FREDERICK F. WALKER,
AUDITORS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Merrimack in Acct. with M. P. Nichols, Treasurer

CR.

By cash on hand March 1, 1880,	\$250 08
Deposit account in Manchester Sav- ings Bank, exclusive of interest	536 84
Cash of H. E. Herrick, on account of taxes 1879,	768 60
Cash of H. E. Herrick, on account of taxes for 1880,	4,111 22
Cash received of State Treasurer as railroad tax,	807 68
State Treasurer as Sav- ings Bank tax,	1,441 07
State Treasurer, as Lit- erary Fund,	76 59
County, for support of Paupers,	333 92
Wm. T. Parker, legacy by Edward Wheeler, late of Nashua,	611 78
Jos. Cross, for nails and shingles sold,	7 75
for damages to highway near C. M. Parker's furniture shop,	65 00
W. T. Rockwood, use of old town-house,	20 00
for bounties on hawks and foxes,	37 80

Cash received of city of Manchester, as aid to J. B. Pierce,	\$3 00	
H. E. Herrick, coll. as int. on taxes collected for 1879,	18 07	
	<hr/>	\$9,089 40

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To paid town orders drawn current year 1879,	\$57 10	
Paid orders drawn current year 1880,	1,594 46	
School money due Dist. No. 2, 1879,	6 10	
Agents for the several school dis- tricts,	1,674 07	
County Treasurer, for County tax,	1,483 78	
State Treasurer, for State tax,	1,556 00	
School-house tax, Dist. No. 2, for 1879,	18 00	
School-house tax, Dist. No. 3, for 1880,	225 00	
School-house tax, Dist. No. 4, for 1880,	20 00	
School-house tax, Dist. No. 9, for 1880,	25 00	
Wm. Goodwin's note with int.	668 48	
Amos Harris, note with interest,	574 12	
Balance of deposit account in Savings Bank including the Wheeler legacy, not including divi- dends,	1,174 50	
Cash on hand March 1, 1881,	12 79	
	<hr/>	\$9,089 40

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN
MARCH 1, 1881.

LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. Eliza Wilson, including interest,	\$961 75	
Balance school money due Dist. No. 2, 1879,	9 59	
Balance school money due Dist. No. 3, 1880,	158 50	
Unpaid orders drawn current year, 1880,	258 47	
Balance in favor of the town including the Wheeler legacy,	1,657 34	
	-----	\$3,045 65

ASSETS.

Bal. Savings bank account, including the Wheeler legacy, without dividend, March 1, 1881,	\$1,174 50	
Dividend of interest on bank acct.,	174 81	
Due from H. E. Herrick, on tax-list, 1879,	495 10	
Due from H. E. Herrick on tax-list 1880,	1,188 45	
Cash on hand March 1, 1881,	12 79	
	-----	\$3,045 65

M. P. NICHOLS,

TOWN TREASURER.

MERRIMACK, March 1, 1881.

We have examined the above report of the Treasurer of the town of Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HORACE S. GOULD,
FREDERICK F. WALKER,

AUDITORS.

MERRIMACK, March 1, 1881.

ERRATA.

On page 6, against the name of H. W. Wilson, read stationery instead of attendance at court.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMACK,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1880-81.

NASHUA:
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DEATHS IN MERRIMACK

FROM

JANUARY 1, 1880, TO FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

January 15, Cora Louise Hildreth, aged 6 years, 9 months, 17 days.

February 10, Mrs. Eleanor M. Junkins, aged 49 years, 6 days.

February 11, Ralph Waldo Blood, infant.

May 3, Mary Ann Plumer, aged 24 years, 11 months, 27 days.

August 26, Barnard Gould, aged 82 years, 2 months, 8 days.

September 23, Mrs. Hepsibeth Harris, aged 80 years, 5 months.

September 25, Caleb Dodge, aged 87 years, 8 months, 23 days.

October 9, Perley Edward Kelsea, aged 1 month, 21 days.

October 23, Mrs. Emma Kilgore, aged 35 years, 8 months.

October 28, Mrs. Sarah Kidder Darrah, aged 77 years, 11 months, 26 dys.

November 11, George B. Estey, aged 31 years, 3 months.

November 29, Levi Fisher, aged 77 years, 7 months, 16 days.

December 28, Mrs. Sophronia Read, aged 73 years, 7 months, 18 days.

January 15, Mrs. Lucinda Smith, aged 76 years.

David Lund, aged 72.

February 7, Calvin Clement, aged 73 years, 2 months.

BIRTHS.

Number of births from January 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881, 16.

R E P O R T .

The following is the Report of your committee, and is respectfully submitted.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Miss Fannie E. Brown has taught during the entire year, and, as far as your committee know, has done her work faithfully and well.

DISTRICT NO. II.

This school has been rather unfortunate in having had sickness among scholars and teacher. The first five weeks of the school was under the charge of Miss Myrta M. Jones, who gave promise of teaching an excellent school. She was succeeded by Miss Jennie U. Elliott, who completed the term.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by a young teacher, Miss A. Viola Eaton. The school appeared well and made fair progress.

DISTRICT NO. III.

This school was fortunate in securing the services of their teacher of last year, Miss Fannie A. Darrah, who has the faculty of making her pupils do much and do it well. During the entire year compositions have been written by most of the scholars and they show marked improvement in every direction.

New school-furniture has been added to the school-room and many improvements made, making it a model school-room.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Miss Lizzie M. McAfee taught the Summer term and proved herself an efficient teacher in every respect.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Manning. The school made good progress in all studies.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Miss Flora E. Hunt, an old teacher in this district although young in years, has taught during the entire year, and her school is an excellent one.

Written examinations of a rigid character were used during the winter term, and the scholars acquitted themselves in a commendatory manner.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Miss Bessie P. Fuller has taught both Summer and Winter terms, and has given general satisfaction so far as your committee knows. The examination in Grammar was unusually good.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

This school was under the charge of Miss Mary A. Walker during the entire year.

In some respects the teacher failed to meet the require-

ments of the scholars, but as a rule she did well and some progress was made by the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

The entire year was taught by Miss Hortensia McMillen. The scholars improved their time well in study and in most respects made marked progress. This school is the banner school of Merrimack in attendance, having the largest percentage, and not a tardy mark during the entire school year of twenty-seven weeks.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Miss Anne A. Marsh taught the entire year.

I wish that what was said of District No. VIII in regard to attendance might be said of this school, but the reverse must be said. For attendance this is the poorest school in town, as it was last year, and no district in town is so well situated for convenience to school-house. Sickness during the summer term was the principal cause of absence, and is a proper excuse. The teacher worked hard, but felt many times almost discouraged. Those scholars who attended regularly made fair advancement in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Have received no record of this school.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Miss Lucy Bowers has taught the entire year, and during the visits made the school seemed to be hard at work and making good progress.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Mary J. Manahan. Fair improvement was evidently made. The Fall and Winter terms were under the care of Miss Ada M. Clarke. This school is a good one and has done well. Nothing unpleasant has come up during the year that your committee is aware of. The examination was thorough and satisfactory.

The whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, on the first day of April, as returned by the Selectmen, was one hundred and fifty-two, numbered in the several School Districts, as follows :

District No.	1,	.	.	.	.	.	9.
"	"	2,	.	.	.	.	15.
"	"	3,	.	.	.	.	20.
"	"	4,	.	.	.	.	19.
"	"	5,	.	.	.	.	14.
"	"	6,	.	.	.	.	5.
"	"	7,	.	.	.	.	21.
"	"	8,	.	.	.	.	10.
"	"	9,	.	.	.	.	19.
"	"	10,	.	.	.	.	0.
"	"	11,	.	.	.	.	5.
"	"	12,	.	.	.	.	15.

Total, 152

The amount raised by taxation for school purposes in the town of Merrimack for 1880-81 was \$1,532 57

In District No. 12 \$23.02 extra money was raised.

Districts Nos. 6 and 12 received from Amherst (they being some kind of a union district) the following sums respectively : \$16.93 and \$31.23. No. 10 received about \$30.00 from the town of Bedford, making the total amount of school money expended in this town not far from \$1900 during the past year. This is the largest sum of money expended for any one object during the year and has been disbursed in the most careless manner. As soon as the money is apportioned to the several districts the Selectmen draw and sign a general order for the Town Treasurer to pay the amount due the district to the Prudential Committee of the same. The Treasurer pays the money without any further instructions or demands. The result is that during the past year every or nearly every teacher has received her pay illegally.

The following law is a check on the teacher and should be enforced.

"Every teacher, at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, SHALL make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof ; and NO TEACHER shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee." General Statutes, Chapter 81, Section 15.

As a consequence of the neglect of this law the school registers are made out in an imperfect manner and left anywhere the teacher may happen to be.

The Franklin series of arithmetic were introduced and adopted during the summer term, and are giving universal satisfaction as far as your committee can learn.

A change of readers should be made as soon as possible, the series now in use being faulty in grammar and the lower books containing many vulgarisms.

There is a great lack of school apparatus throughout the town, such as maps, globes, &c., and at the next annual

town meeting you are asked to raise the sum of \$150.00 to be expended for that purpose.

Again I would urge the citizens of Merrimack to abolish this present pernicious school system and adopt the town system, and have a Board of Education; let us at least have the latter.

Your committee has made sixty-three official visits during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. PILLSBURY,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Merrimack, March 1st, 1881.

ROLL OF HONOR

Including the names of all pupils, who have been present every half-day of a term, without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Summer term—Alice L. McIntire, Leon L. McIntire.

Fall term—Daisy M. Green, Harry M. Green, Andrew J. Read, Alice L. McIntire.

Winter term—Andrew J. Read, Leon L. McIntire.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Winter term—Henry A. Fretts.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Summer term—Frank D. McQuesten, Robert M. Gordon.

Fall term—Frank D. McQuesten, Robert M. Gordon.

Winter term—Frank D. McQuesten.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Summer term—Charles A. Goodwin, Blanche S. Griffin.

Fall term—Chas. A. Goodwin, Eddie Fisher.

Winter term—David Jones, Linnie Read.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Summer term—Hattie L. Burgess, Alice G. Burgess, M. Rosie Follansbee, Anna McClure, Fred N. McClure, Bertie Follansbee, Addie M. Lee.

Fall term—Hattie L. Burgess, Alice G. Burgess, H. Maria Lougee, Anna McClure.

Winter term—Fred N. McClure, Herbert S. Davis.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Summer term—Sarah C. Moulton.

Winter term—Maurice C. Beard, Nellie J. Beard, Mildred E. Beard, Mary A. Donovan, Annie L. Moulton, Clara A. Stevens, Dora M. Stevens.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Summer term—Georgia Hartshorn, Jacob H. Longa, Fred W. Longa.

Winter term—Clara M. Longa, Jacob H. Longa, Annie M. Blood, Percy Blood, George E. Connor, Allie G. Merrill.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Fall term—J. Eddie Bixby, Arthur R. Herrick, H. Amelia Henderson, Lena A. Henderson.

Winter term—J. Eddie Bixby, Alva G. Cheever, David D. Henderson, H. Amelia Henderson.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Summer term—Susie N. Palmer, Carrie E. Palmer, Etta M. Wilson.

Winter term—Etta M. Wilson.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Fall term—Susie Patterson, Flora Hodgman, Viola Harris Eugene Shattuck, Everett Evans, Fred E. Evans.

Winter term—Flora Hodgman, Lizzie Adams, Eugene Shattuck, Fred Campbell, Everett Evans, Fred Evans.

Dist. No.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per Month.	No. of Weeks in Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Daily Attend.	Per Cent. of Daily Attendance.	Per Centage of Yearly Attendance.	Amount of School Money.	Prudential Committee.
1	Summer.	Miss Fannie E. Brown .	\$22 00	10	8	6.5	.93	.94	\$142 90	Hugh McKean.
1	Fall.	" " " " .	22 00	9	7	6.46	.95			
1	Winter.	" " " " .	22 00	5	7	6.66	.95			
2	Summer.	Miss Jennie U. Elliott. .	19 60	10	16	11.24	.80	.84	142 90	John French.
2	Fall.	Miss A. Viola Eaton . .	19 60	10	19	17.59	.95			
2	Winter.	" " " " .	19 60	9 4-5	15	9.91	.74			
3	Summer.	Miss Fannie A. Darrah .	30 00	9	19	15.93	.90	.89	316 00	Frank A. Gordon.
3	Fall.	" " " " .	30 00	12	20	10.11	.92			
3	Winter.	" " " " .	30 00	12	18	14.94	.84			
4	Summer.	Miss Lizzie M. McAtee. .	24 00	9	18	14.16	.88	.89	184 89	David T. Jones.
4	Fall.	Miss Mary E. Manning. .	25 60	9	19	14.9	.90			
4	Winter.	" " " " .	26 50	9	16	13.30	.90			
5	Summer.	Miss Flora E. Hunt. . .	18 00	10	21	17	.94	.93	142 90	Newton McClure.
5	Fall.	" " " " .	16 00	12	18	15	.93			
5	Winter.	" " " " .	26 00	9	19	17	.94			
6	Summer.	Miss Bessie P. Fuller .	18 00	10	11	10.39	.98	.95	131 17	George F. Hill.
6	Winter.	" " " " .	24 00	15	13	10.49	.82	.86	142 67	John Stevens.
7	Summer.	Miss Mary A. Walker. .	22 00	9	18	14	.91			
7	Winter.	" " " " .	28 00	11 5-10	24	21	.95	.97	142 90	James U. Longa.
8	Summer.	Miss Hortensia McMillen.	20 00	10	9	9.5	.99			
8	Winter.	" " " " .	20 00	17	9	8	.54	.75	142 90	George H. Bixby.
9	Summer.	Miss Annie A. Marsh. . .	23 00	6	17	6.5	.81			
9	Fall.	" " " " .	23 00	10	19	13	.91			
9	Winter.	" " " " .	23 00	7 4-5	11	8.75	.97			
10	Summer.	Miss Lucy Bowers. . .	20 00	11	7	6.83	.97	.96	58 62	John H. Bowers.
11	Winter.	" " " " .	20 00	16 3-5	12	11	.95			
12	Summer.	Miss Mary J. Manahan. .	23 00	8	22	20.95	.94	.95	141 55	Wm. H. Kennedy.
12	Fall.	Miss Ada M. Clarke. . .	23 00	11	17	16.52	.97			
12	Winter.	" " " " .	23 00	8	18	17.28	.96			
			\$22 79	295 7	15 65	12 79		.90	\$1,832 30	

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